



**NATURE CAPITAL**  
HIGH COST OF INACTION



**WHY SAVE VULTURES?**  
THE NATURAL SCAVENGING OF JUST ONE VULTURE IS WORTH US\$ 11,583. USE OF DICLOFENAC TO TREAT LIVESTOCK, HAS NEARLY WIPED OUT VULTURES. IF WE CAN'T BRING BACK VULTURES, MUNICIPALITIES WILL HAVE TO SPEND AROUND US\$ 6.9 MILLION IN ON SETTING UP CARCASS DISPOSAL FACILITY.

**SMART FLOOD CONTROL**  
WULAR LAKE HAS SHRUNK BY NEARLY 50% DUE TO ENCROACHMENT, SILTATION, AND WILLOW PLANTATION. THIS HAS TRIGGERED FLOODS IN DOWNSTREAM KASHMIR VALLEY. THE COST OF REMOVING WILLOWS AND DREDGING TO INCREASE THE HOLDING CAPACITY CAN SAVE US\$ 17.5 MILLION OF FLOOD DAMAGE.

**SPARE BYCATCH OR PERISH**  
BYCATCH AND JUVENILE FISH ARE THE CASUALTIES OF HARMFUL FISHING TECHNIQUES. VALUED AT HARDLY A CENT A KILO IN THE CURRENT MARKET, THIS NEGLIGENCE AMOUNTS TO A LOSS OF US\$ 40 MILLION EACH YEAR IN ANDHRA MARINE FISHERIES.

